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Department of Minnesota  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
20 West 12th Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

Your letter of 30 October 1986 to the Director of Central Intelligence has been forwarded to my office for reply. Your letter enclosed a number of newsclips about an individual named David MacMichael, and poses two specific questions concerning him. One of your questions involves fact, the other involves opinion. We will do our best to respond as fully as possible.

First, you state that you "would like to know if MacMichael was a CIA employee." We can advise you that David MacMichael has been officially acknowledged to have been a contract employee--as distinguished from a regular employee--of this agency, whose employment was concluded at the end of his two-year contract.

Your second inquiry asks "does MacMichael qualify to be a counter insurgency expert regarding Central America?" We believe that you can appreciate the inherent difficulties presented by any inquiry which asks for qualitative judgments and opinions about the degree of expertise achieved by any past or present employee in any one particular field. Thus, we simply cannot comment upon any judgments which may--or may not--have been made about Mr. MacMichael's qualifications as they relate to any degree of expertise--or lack of expertise--which Mr. MacMichael may have in the field of counterinsurgency in Central America.

We hope that the above information will prove useful to you, and we are pleased to have been of assistance to you in this matter.

Sincerely,  


Lee S. Strickland  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

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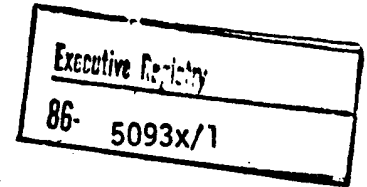
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November 7, 1986



Mr. William J. Casey  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

STAT [redacted] of the Department of Minnesota, Veterans of Foreign Wars has forwarded to me a copy of his recent correspondence with you regarding the authenticity of Mr. David MacMicheal's claim to be a former CIA analyst. A copy of [redacted] letter is enclosed for your reference.

STAT I would greatly appreciate your sharing a copy of your reply to [redacted] with me.

STAT Thank you for your assistance.

Yours very truly,

*Bill Frenzel*  
Bill Frenzel  
Member of Congress

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